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SUBJECT: REFUGEE ACTIVITIES IN SWAZILAND

UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE GODFREY SABITI PROVIDED ME FOLLOWING
INFO FEBRUARY 27 CONCERNING GOS AND UNHCR ACTIVITIES:

1. UNHCR HAS DECIDED TO SHELVE GOS' REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO
HELP LOCAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM MEET COSTS RESULTING FROM
"HIDDEN REFUGEE" CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE IN SWAZILAND SCHOOLS.
GOS CITES FIGURE UP TO SIX THOUSAND FOR CHILDREN IN THIS
CATEGORY. PARENTS LIVE ON SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE OF BORDER AND
CHOOSE TO HAVE CHILDREN ATTEND SWAZILAND SCHOOLS, OFTEN
PAYING SUBSTANTIAL BOARDING FEES FOR THE PRIVILEGE. SABITI
POINTS OUT THAT SINCE THESE CHILDREN ARE FREE TO MOVE ACROSS
THE BORDER, AND DO SO DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, THEY ARE NOT
REFUGEES BY ANY STRETCH OF UNHCR MANDATE. HE SAYS HEADMASTERS
HAVE REFUSED TO COOPERATE IN PROVIDING UNHCR THE NUMBERS OF
CHILDREN IN THIS CATEGORY. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONCURS IN
UNHCR DECISION TO SHELVE THE REQUEST.

2. GOS HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR DOLS 500,000 TO EXPAND
UNIVERSITY FACILITIES TO INCREASE BY FIFTY THE NUMBER OF
REFUGEES ACCOMMODATED AT UNIVERSITY. APPARENTLY NO UNHCR
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DECISION YET ON THIS ONE. COMMENT: EMBASSY WELCOMES
GOS WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE REFUGEE ATTENDANCE AT
UNIVERSITY BUT WOULD WISH TO EXAMINE COST ESTIMATES
CAREFULLY BEFORE SUPPORTING GOS REQUEST.

3. GOS IS EMBARKING ON POLICY OF TURNING MPAKA AREA INTO
FENCED-IN REFUGEE CAMP AT SAME TIME THAT IT MAINTAINS

WILLINGNESS FOR THE TWO HUNDRED PLACES IN PROJECTED
MPAKA SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN
REFUGEE AND LOCAL STUDENTS. COMMENT: THIS ONE BEARS
WATCHING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS CONCEPT OF
INTEGRATED SCHOOL ON GROUNDS THAT, IF RESTRICTED TO
REFUGEES ONLY, SCHOOL OF THIS SIZE COULD PERPETUATE
REFUGEE MENTALITY WITH LONG-TERM EXPLOSIVE EFFECTS.
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